

Rules To Remember

On the Roads

- Only licensed drivers and street-legal vehicles are allowed on county and DNR managed roads.
- All Off-road vehicles (ORVs) must have:
 - Vehicle license or ORV permit tag, and
 - USFS-approved spark arresting muffler.
- Speed limit on forest management roads is 25 mph.
- Vehicles and ORVs use ONLY open roads.
- Speed limit in picnic sites is 5 mph.
- Logging trucks, heavy equipment and other vehicles use these roads; be ready to yield right-of-way.

On the Trails and In the Trailheads

- Stay on approved trails for your type of recreation use.
- Approved trails are signed.**
- Unsigned trails are CLOSED.**
- No Off-road vehicles (ORVs).
- Respect the rights of others on trails.
- Do not ride in streams, on road embankments, lake shores, or wetlands.
- Watch for unmarked hazards on trails.
- Camp in designated campsites only.
- Do not alter or remove vegetation.
- No camping in day-use areas.
- Pack out garbage and litter.
- No campfires.
- Do not shoot in or near recreation sites, trails, homes or roads.
- Maintain control of domestic animals.

Recreation's Future on the Buck Creek Trail System

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages volunteer participation. Recreational users working in partnership with DNR can have positive impact. Today's decisions regarding resources have long-lasting consequences; we all have an incentive to become stewards of this land. Each year, vandalism and abuse of state lands cost taxpayers thousands of dollars in repair costs and lost resources. If the forest ecosystem or recreational facilities are damaged, use will be limited to protect resources.

More Information

For more information about the Buck Creek Trail System and how you can help protect its resources and recreation opportunities, contact DNR.

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Emergency!

Phone numbers you need to know:

- Medical Aid/Sheriff — 911
- Vandalism — 1-800-527-3305
- To report Wildfires —
1-800-562-6010 or 911

Persons needing the information contained in this brochure in an alternative format may call:
(360)902-1721 -or- TTY (360)902-1125



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Buck Creek Trail System



Buck Creek Trail System; a forest at work for you

Situated between Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams, the Buck Creek Trail System offers views of volcanic peaks on its 26-mile loop through state land. The trail to Whistling Ridge traverses through a beautiful mature forest, while the Buck Creek Falls Loop Trail (2.5 miles) offers a contrast of wet and dry environments, plus a waterfall.

The Buck Creek Trail System is a "working forest." It is part of the permanent endowment of trust lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Wealth for the trust beneficiaries...forever

Under DNR's management, 5 million acres of state land have generated more than \$4 billion since 1970. DNR manages trust lands to generate continuing revenue for trust beneficiaries while maintaining healthy ecosystems and resources. This assures future generations the benefits we enjoy today.

The forests benefit us all

Today, DNR manages the Buck Creek Trail System to:

- provide money for trust beneficiaries such as the public school construction fund and others;
- protect fish and wildlife habitat;
- provide recreational use, when it does not threaten resources or devalue trust assets.

Recreation is multiple use

The trails featured in this brochure are multiple-use trails shared by hikers, horses, and mountain bikes. Please be courteous to other users you meet. **Also note:** no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail.



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A Trust Land Manager

The Department of Natural Resources was created by the State Legislature in 1957 to manage state owned trust lands. The Commissioner of Public Lands heads the agency of 1,300 employees working throughout the state.

A Working Forest



As state trust land, this area is managed by DNR to generate long-term continuing revenue. The major income is derived from harvesting trees. Using forest management techniques, individual timber sales are designed to remove timber to generate revenue

while protecting biologically diverse ecosystems. Because the Buck Creek area is part of DNR's working forest, visitors may encounter partial timbercuts, clearcuts, and thinnings.

Partners

Today, recreational users can make a big impact on the forest and the facilities. Volunteers can work in association with DNR to maintain trails and make certain that sensitive habitat, streams, and vegetation are not damaged. Approved trails, signed and shown on the map, offer a variety of experiences while protecting the resources. Hikers, horses, and mountain bikes all share Buck Creek's multiple use trails.

Recreation access

The Buck Creek Trail System connects with USDA Forest Service trails. Oklahoma Campground in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, is accessible from the Buck Creek Trail, via Monte Carlo Trail #52.



The Buck Creek Trail System

■ Directions to Trailhead

- | Start on HWY 14 at Bingen.
- | Go north on HWY 141 through White Salmon, 6.6 miles.
- | Turn left on Northwestern Lake (B-1000) Rd.
- | Go 0.9 mile.
- | Turn left on N-1000 Rd.
- | Go 2.0 miles.
- | Trailhead on right.

■ Trailhead Facilities

Two toilets and four picnic units are available at the trailhead.

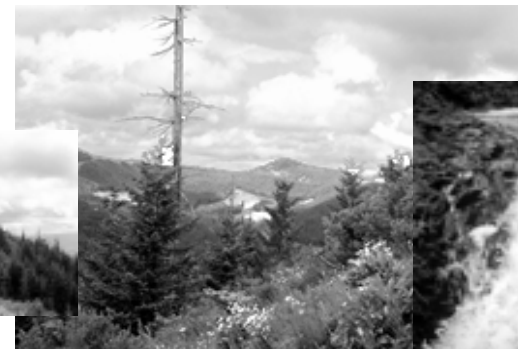
Trail Use

The Buck Creek Trail System is open to all non-motorized traffic.

For example...



■ Horseback riders explore the high country...



■ Hikers prefer Nester Peak and Penney Ridge ...



■ Mountain bikers enjoy the lower loop near the falls...